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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERCUTANEOUS SURGICAL VENTRICULAR REPAIR" -- Suresh et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 45 page specification, 19 pages of claims (Claims 1-139), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included drawings on 31 sheets (figures 1-33). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Mitta Suresh, Albert Davis and Gregory Murphy for the above-entitled invention.

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/235,295 entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERCUTANEOUS SURGICAL VENTRICULAR REPAIR" filed on September 5, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/317,197 entitled "DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL VENTRICULAR REPAIR" filed on September 5, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/327,221 entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CLOSED CHEST PLACEMENT OF SEPTUM" filed on October 5, 2001.

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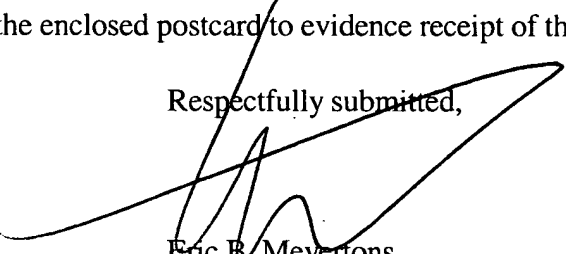
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